



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 09/779,377 Confirmation No. 7980  
Applicants : Vijaya Kumar Dadala *et al.*  
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**REPLACEMENT PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)  
and in further response to the Advisory Action mailed March 30, 2005, and  
preliminary to undertaking a substantive review of this application, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** appear on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins  
on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** appear on page 12 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.